



Report 04.295

31 May 2004

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Council
held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, 142
Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 31 May 2004 at
1.30pm**

Present

Councillors Shields (Chairperson), Barr, Buchanan, Evans, Kirton, Laidlaw, Long, McDavitt, Thomas, Turver and Werry

Officers Present

Messrs Benham, Darroch, Forlong, Harris, Schollum and Wright and Drs Bradbury, Hastie and Watson

Public Business

Procedural Items

392 **Apologies**

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Barr)

That the apology from Councillor Aitken be confirmed.

393 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting.

394 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr Turver)

That the minutes of the Council meeting, Report 04.207 of 20 April 2004, and the public and public excluded record of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting, Report 04.205 and Report PE 04.206 of 20 April 2004 be confirmed, the public excluded business to remain confidential.

395 **Chairperson's Report**

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London Wetlands Centre

The Chairperson gave a presentation on the London Wetlands Centre and Environs on the edge of the Thames.

The wetlands had been established by a wildlife trust and had been developed from an industrial wasteland.

The swampy lands and tracks are controlled by a water system and there were now over 600 bird species in the area. There are pathways in every direction and these provide a great resource for bird watchers and visitors to London.

Congestion Charging

The Chairperson also gave a presentation on the progress made with the congestion charging zone in the centre of London. Less traffic now travelled to the centre and a large number of car users had now converted to public transport. The Chairperson explained the enforcement and payment policy. Technology was improving and support from business and commerce was continuing to grow.

Resolved

(Cr Kirton/Cr McDavitt)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the meeting schedule for 2004 be amended to delete the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee and Council meetings scheduled for 29 June 2004 and the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meeting scheduled for 10 June 2004.*

Reports of Committees

396 Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 31 May 2004

Report 04.264

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Resolved

(Cr McDavitt/Cr Barr)

That the recommendations of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting held on 31 May 2004, including the public excluded part, be adopted.

397 Rural Services and Wairarapa – 29 April 2004

Report 04.145

File: E/6/12/2

Resolved

(Cr Long/Cr Kirton)

That the report of the Meeting of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee held on 29 April 2004, Items RSW292 to RSW294 inclusive, and RSW 297 to RSW 305 inclusive, be adopted.

398 Landcare – 4 May 2004

Report 04.237

File: E/6/16/2

Resolved

(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Barr)

That the report of the Meeting of the Landcare Committee held on 4 May 2004, Items LC175 to LC196, be adopted.

399 Passenger Transport – 7 May 2004

Report 04.252

File: E/6/19/2

Resolved

(Cr Turver/Cr Evans)

That the report of the Meeting of the Passenger Transport Committee held on 7 May 2004, Items PT174 to PT183 inclusive, be adopted.

400 Utility Services – 11 May 2004

Report 04.249

File: E/6/17/2

Resolved

(Cr Werry/Cr Kirton)

That the report of the Meeting of the Utility Services Committee held on 11 May 2004, Items US124 to US130 inclusive, be adopted.

401 **Environment –13 May 2004****Report 04.261**

File: E/6/18/2

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Barr)*

That the report of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 May 2004, Items E297 to E299 and E301 to E308 inclusive, be adopted.

402 **Regional Land Transport–18 May 2004****Report 04.267**

File: E/6/11/2

*Resolved**(Cr McDavitt/Cr Evans)*

That the report of the Meeting of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 18 May 2004, Items RLT139 to RLT152 inclusive, be adopted.

Matters for Consideration403 **Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting****Report 04.277**

File: E/07/07/03

*Resolved**(Cr Long/Cr Werry)*

1. *That, the Chairperson, as the Presiding Delegate, be responsible for voting on behalf of the Council at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand.*
2. *That the Deputy Chairperson, as the Alternate Delegate, be responsible for voting on behalf of the Council at the Annual General Meeting of Local Government New Zealand if the Chairperson is absent from the AGM.*

404 **Report on Carter Observatory****Report 04.247**

File: E/07/10/09

*Resolved**(Cr Turver/Cr Thomas)*

That the report be received and the contents noted.

405 **Questions****MPs Meetings**

Councillor Long asked whether the meetings with local members of Parliament including list MPs could be restarted. The Chief Executive said he will work with the Chairperson to explore the matter and report back in due course.

Conferences

Councillor Thomas asked for a list of conferences attended by iwi representatives in the present triennium.

406 **General**

There were no matters of general business.

407 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 04.282**

File: E/07/10/09

*Resolved**(Chairperson/Cr Laidlaw)*

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

- (1) Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of Landcare Committee held on 4 May 2004*
- (2) Report of the public excluded part of the Meeting of Utility Services Committee held on 11 May 2004*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>(1) Harvey Norman Stopbank Crossing and Car Park Approval</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, ie (to enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage).</i>
<i>(2) Electricity Purchasing Strategy</i>	<i>Because of the need to carry on commercial negotiations</i>	<i>That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist (ie commercial negotiations)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act of section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (1) and (2)

The open part of the meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Cr M K SHIELDS
Chairperson

Date: